

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1520

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to state route number 527.

Brief Description: Modifying state route number 527.

Sponsors: Representatives Moscoso, Stanford and Clibborn; by request of Transportation Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/8/11 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Transfers a section of State Route 527 from the state to the City of Bothell.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Billig, Vice Chair; Lias, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Angel, Asay, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Johnson, Ladenburg, McCune, Moeller, Moscoso, Overstreet, Reykdal, Rivers, Rodne, Rolfes, Ryu, Shea, Takko, Upthegrove and Zeiger.

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

A route jurisdiction transfer is the conversion of a state highway to a local road or the conversion of a local road to a state highway. From 1991 to 2008, the Transportation Improvement Board received and reviewed these transfer requests. In 2009 review of these requests was transferred to the Washington State Transportation Commission (Transportation Commission). If the Transportation Commission agrees that the request meets the criteria established in state law, the Transportation Commission forwards a recommendation for the transfer to the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

On November 19, 2009, the City of Bothell submitted a request to the Transportation Commission that 2.51 miles of State Route 527 be transferred to the city. The requested transfer lies entirely within the City of Bothell, and runs between State Route 522 and Interstate 405. On July 13, 2010, the Transportation Commission approved a preliminary findings report for the request. Although the preliminary recommendation noted that evaluation under some criteria lends support for this section of road to remain a state highway, it also noted that the overwhelming majority of other criteria suggested that the road should not be designated as a state route. On October 20, 2010, the Transportation Commission recommended that the section of road be transferred to the City of Bothell as requested.

Summary of Bill:

The bill transfers a 2.51-mile section of State Route 527 from the state to the City of Bothell. The transferred section begins at State Route 522 and ends at Interstate 405.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This transfer is recommended. The Transportation Commission examined the request in light of the criteria in state statute and received public comment on the request. Interstate 405 carries the majority of north/south traffic in this area. Transferring this road will enhance economic vitality and increase the potential to redevelop the area. The road connects the older and newer areas of Bothell.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Moscoso, prime sponsor; and Paul Parker, Washington State Transportation Commission.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.